Amendments to the specification are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (pages i - ii).

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 12, 13 and 38.

12. (Amended) The polymer or copolymer of Claim 11, wherein the polymer or copolymer is characterized by repeat units of the formula:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & \\ & & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & \\ & & \\ & & \\$$

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wherein R_7 is a substituted or unsubstituted lower alkylene group having from 1 to about 24 carbon atoms and each X^- , separately or taken together, is a physiologically acceptable anion.

13. (Amended) The polymer or copolymer of Claim 11 wherein the polymer or copolymer is characterized by repeat units of formula X or XI:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} X^{-} & & \\ & &$$

38. (Amended) The polymer or copolymer of Claim 36 wherein the polymer or copolymer is characterized by repeat units of formula XVI or XVII:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} * & & & & & & \\ + & & & & & \\ \end{array}$$